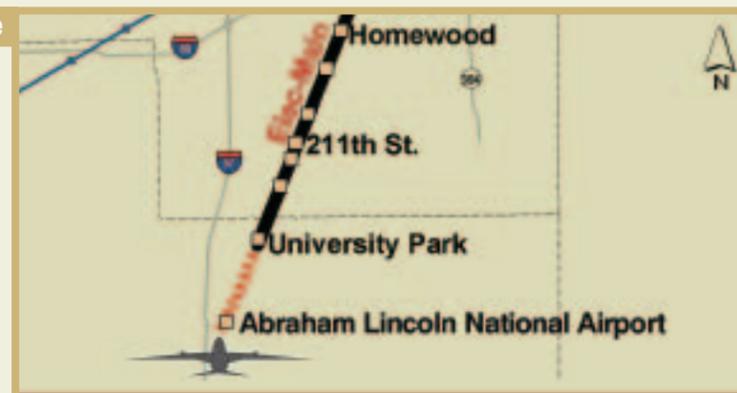




Laying Tracks To Abraham Lincoln National Airport

Metra Electric Line

The recent national transportation bill also provides federal funds for the extension of the Metra Electric line from University Park to the future site of the Abraham Lincoln National Airport. With the extension of Metra service to its terminal, Lincoln National Airport will be connected to our region's vast public transportation network.



The Metra link will make the third airport even more convenient, accessible and affordable for travelers, workers and businesses.

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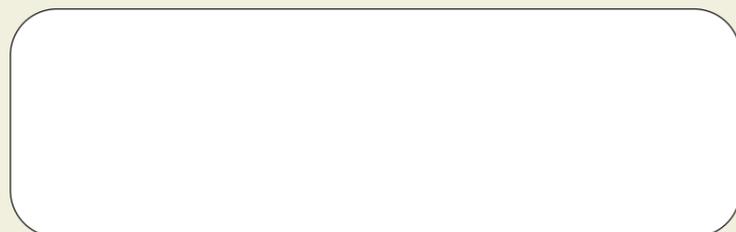
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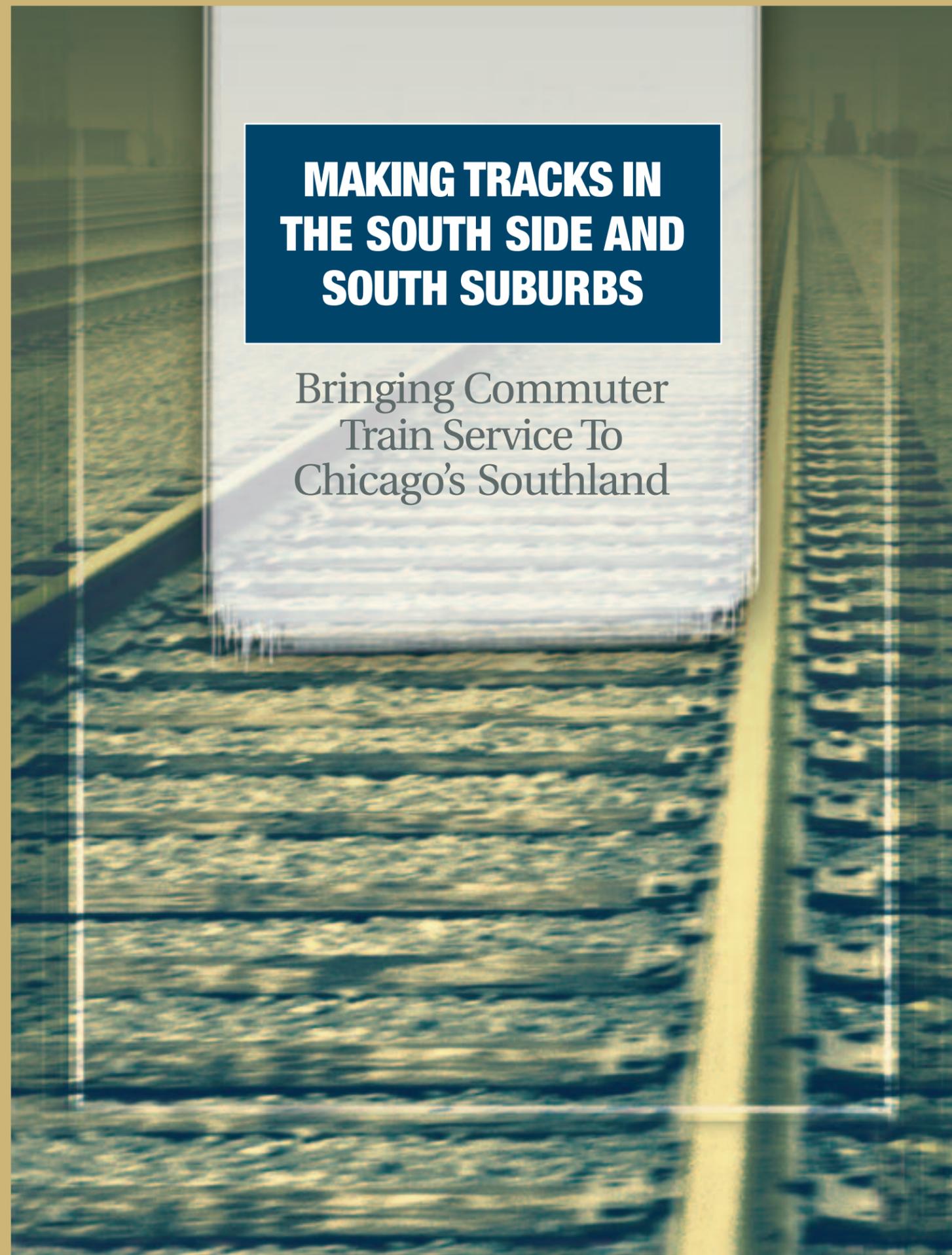
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MAKING TRACKS IN THE SOUTH SIDE AND SOUTH SUBURBS

Bringing Commuter
Train Service To
Chicago's Southland



The SES and Red Line Extension Will Keep Chicagoland On The Move



Dear Neighbor:

I am very pleased to announce two new transportation projects that will provide new commuter train service to our communities in the foreseeable future.

First, Metra's new SouthEast Service (SES) will run from Crete to Chicago's LaSalle Street Station along existing Union Pacific/CSX tracks. With potential stops in Dolton, South Holland, Thornton, Glenwood, Chicago Heights, South Chicago Heights and Steger, the new SES will connect the South Side and south suburbs to Downtown Chicago and beyond.

Second, CTA's Red Line will be extended from 95th/Dan Ryan to 130th Street/Stony Island Avenue. With new stations, the Red Line Extension will serve more densely populated neighborhoods, link to a major automobile factory and relieve bus congestion.

Thanks to the new and extended train lines, our communities will become linked to the entire regional mass transit network. The SES and Red Line Extension will help reduce commute times, improve quality of life, strengthen our communities and unify the region.

I am pleased that I was able to include the SES and the Red Line Extension in the massive \$286.4 billion surface transportation bill -- the Transportation Equity Act -- that was approved by Congress in July and signed by the President in August. As an authorized project in the bill, the SES and Red Line Extension are eligible to receive hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding over the next six years.

The SES and Red Line Extension are huge, multi-jurisdictional, multi-million dollar projects that will take years to complete. I will continue to work with local, state and federal elected and transportation officials to ensure that our communities are properly served.

Now that the SES and Red Line Extension have been signed into law, major tracks have been laid. Through diligence, perseverance and hard work, new trains will be coming to the South Side and south suburbs. Onward we go!

Sincerely,

JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.
Member of Congress

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Metra's Proposed SouthEast Service

- LaSalle St.
- Gresham
- Dolton
- South Holland
- Thornton
- Glenwood
- Chicago Heights
- South Chicago Heights
- Steger
- Crete
- Balmoral Park

CTA's Proposed Red Line Extension



New Commuter Train Service Will Bring Real Benefits To Our Community

The proposed SouthEast Service and Red Line Extension will bring many benefits to the South Side and south suburbs, improving our quality of life and boosting our local economy.

- For Commuters:** Improves access to jobs in Chicago and beyond.
- For Residents:** Greater access to schools, shopping, entertainment and other attractions in downtown Chicago and beyond.
- For Communities:** Encourages "transit-supportive development," which clusters around transit stations and offers commuters an appealing mix of nearby parking, housing, shopping and other amenities.
- For Businesses:** Expands local business opportunities and increases access to a larger regional labor pool.
- For The Region:** Enhances our local tax base as development along the new rail corridor increases property values and spurs more retail sales.